

Amendments to the Specification

On page 6, beginning at line 24, please amend the third paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Invention to read as follows:

The connector 10 includes an elongated body 20 having opposite ends 22, 24. As seen in Figures 1 and 3, the width of the body 20 is preferably at least 4-6 times the thickness of the body 20. The body 20 includes spaced apart thickened portions that run the length of the body 20. These thickened, longitudinally extended portions generally define flanges 26 that enhance the bending stiffness of the connector 10. The two flanges 26 are spaced laterally apart and are interconnected by a thinner central portion or web 28.